

TESTIMONY OF FASCINO'S STEP-SON MAY SEND FORMER TO DEATH ON THE GALLOWS

State Detective Lays Before Coroner Statement of Giuseffi Which Throws New Light on Independ- ence Day Murder.

Giuseffi Alleges that Fasci- no Shot Antonio Pizzuto After First Fight Was Over and that Salvatore Pizzuto Then Stabbed Brother's Slayer.

From evidence said to have been
laid before Coroner Wilson, yesterday,
by State Policeman Frank Virelli it
will undoubtedly be necessary for Luigi
Fascino, the barber stabbed last
Monday night, to answer to the charge
of murder in the first degree. From
the evidence first gleaned by the po-
lice it would appear that Fascino had
shot Antonio Pizzuto in self defense.
The evidence secured by Officer Vi-
relli is said to be in the shape of a
statement from Vincenzo Giuseffi of
East Main street, New York city, who
was brought here yesterday from
New York. Giuseffi is a brother-in-
law of the slain man and a stepson
of Fascino who was with him at the
time of the shooting. He ran away
when the fighting commenced and
in the melee managed to get his wife
and two children aboard a trolley car
and get away. He was then taken
to the police station for New York
and got out of the State without being
apprehended.

Prosecuting Attorney DeLaney armed
Virelli with a warrant Tuesday for
the arrest of the runaway son-in-law.
The officer made a complaint to the
prosecutor that Giuseffi had
wielded a billiard cue in the fight
within Tripardelli's saloon at Columbus
Place and North Washington avenue.
The warrant charged him with assault
with intent to kill.

Virelli found him at his bootblack
stand at 15th street and Fourth ave-
nue, and convinced him to return to
Bridgeport without extradition
papers or the calling in of
the New York authorities. Giuseffi
agreed to come to Bridgeport with the
officer and appeared before the cor-
oner. After hearing the story the cor-
oner asked the local department to
place an armed guard on the house
of Giuseffi to go after he had prom-
ised to appear here any time he is
wanted. Giuseffi was held here
until today in order to attend the
funeral of his murdered brother-in-law.
He spent yesterday with his sister at
her home, 124 Bank street.

In a statement to the Farmer Giuseffi
tells a story which is along the
lines of the story that Officer Virelli
was able to obtain. Giuseffi says
the story gathered by the local police
had the tendency to clear Fascino,
and puts him in the light of killing in
self defense. Giuseffi says that he
was with Fascino at the time of the
murder. He says that he was with
Fascino at the time of the shooting
and that he saw Fascino shoot the
dead man.

His story is: "With my wife and two
children I went to Bridgeport on the
morning of July 7. I was with my
mother's home, 189 North Washington
avenue, where my eldest daughter was
visiting in an effort to build up her
health. Even when she arrived, including Luigi Fascino. We
had dinner and then my family, with
my mother and step-father, took a
trolley ride to the Bank street, where
my sister and her husband, Antonio
Pizzuto, lived. They were not home
and a lady in the house said they had
gone to Seaside. We went to the
park and met them.

"Antonio and Fascino did not greet
each other as did the others. My sister
asked Antonio how he had been and
he said he was well. He said he was
with her step-father as she
wanted them all to be friends. An-
tonio said he did not believe Fascino
would shake hands with her because
of some words they had before. I
asked her about the trouble, and she
said that my step-father had beaten
my mother and she had fled to her
(my sister's) house where Fascino had
come with a revolver and said he
wanted his wife to return or he would
shoot everyone in the house. Antonio,
she said, had told my step-father to
take his wife and keep away from
there. Since then they never spoke.

"After my sister and I had heard this
story we visited an ice cream saloon
near the park and then we walked to
184 Bank street. We talked on the
sidewalk for some time and then my
sister asked me to invite my mother and
step-father into the house in order that
Antonio and her husband might be
good friends again. I asked my step-
father to come up. He said that he
wouldn't, that he would not be square
with Antonio for four years yet. He
went home with my mother and sister.
"The next day, which was Monday,
I went to see my mother again and
found her alone, my step-father being
in his barber shop downstairs. My
mother asked me to go downstairs and
ask my step-father for his consent to
bring my sister and her husband to the
house that night. He was not very
enthusiastic about the matter, but he
said that if we wanted to invite them
it would be all right. I brought my
sister and her husband up that after-
noon. When we arrived my mother
said her husband was in the saloon
on the corner. Then I, my brother-in-
law, Salvatore Pizzuto, whom we
had met on the way up town, went in
to the saloon. My step-father was
seated at a table with five or six men.
He came over to the bar and had a
drink with me. We had five or six
rounds together.

"After that, Salvatore said, 'Now
that we are all together let us have a
game of three-seven.' My step-father
was agreeable. My brother-in-law,
Salvatore, one of my brother-in-
law's boarders, also came into the
game, making five altogether. After
a couple of games my brother-in-law
and his brother commenced to sing an
Italian song. While the singing was
going on my step-father pulled out his
revolver and fired several shots

SERIOUS HITCH IN ELECTRIC REPEAL BILL; SUBSTITUTE BILL NOW TALKED BY COMMITTEE

Electric Lighting Lobby Thought to Be at Bottom of Sudden Change in Announced Plans for Immediate Passage of Act Wiping Out Statute, Which Angers Business Men.

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)
Hartford, July 8.—In spite of the as-
surances given yesterday by Senator
Searis, chairman of the Judiciary com-
mittee, that the bill repealing the sta-
tute under which the electric light
monopolies of Connecticut enjoy such
extraordinary facilities would be pre-
sented to the Senate today, the ex-
pected report did not appear. When
questioned as to why the report was
not forthcoming by Senator Manwar-
ing and the Farmer representative, the
Republican leader said that there was
some misunderstanding over the exact
text of the report and that he was pre-
sented with the desired to receive fur-
ther instructions from the committee.
Then he made an important admission.

It was this: That his understanding of
the attitude of the committee upon this
question was that while the committee
favored the repeal of the existing sta-
tute it also favored a substitute bill
covering the situation. Just what is
meant by a substitute bill he was not
prepared to say until there could be a
meeting held by the committee. Such
a meeting he said would be held this
afternoon and he fully expected to be
able to submit the repealing resolution
and possibly the substitute bill at to-
morrow's session of the Senate.

It seems that the electric light
lobby has a firmer grasp upon the
situation than has been supposed.
Agents of the various electric light
companies and the Hill crowd, while the
interests will be safeguarded by legis-
lation which will take the place of the
present statute.

CORPORATION TAX SECTION ADOPTED SENATE TAKES FINAL ACTION ON THIS PART OF TARIFF BILL

Amendments Knocked Out Chairman Aldrich of Finance Com- mittee Sees to it that There is No Ad- journing Until the Final Passage of the Measure is Effected.

Washington, July 8.—Promise of a
continuous session of the Senate until
the final passage of the tariff bill by
that body was given by Chairman
Aldrich of the Finance Committee to-
day. It took the form of a motion
made by him that the rule providing
for adjournment at seven o'clock every
evening be revoked. His motion was
carried and the way was therefore
cleared for an uninterrupted session of
the Senate to be terminated either by
the passage of the bill or by a special
vote to adjourn.

An amendment by Senator Daniel of
Virginia providing that the corpora-
tion tax should be one per cent on a
continuous basis of the gross receipts of
all corporations having over \$500,000 of
capital stock was then taken up. Daniel
said that the Aldrich tax on net earn-
ings made the government a deferred
creditor. Others were satisfied and
then if there were any amendments left
the government would get something out
of the gross receipts would make the
government a preferred creditor.

The session this morning in Coroner
Wilson's office was held only in the
presence of the detectives and a num-
ber of the eyes of the tragedy. The
story of the shooting was told by the
witnesses, but what his testimony
could not be ascertained. Some
facts tended to show that Salvatore
Pizzuto, the man who was shot, was
in fact the instigator of the brawl,
and if it had not been for him there
would have been no stabbing, or such
a sad end to the tale.

This morning in the city court, Sal-
vatore Pizzuto's case was called, be-
ing continued until July 17, under
order of Judge Wilson. He was given
chance to make a statement, awaiting
the condition of his victim, who is
rapidly gaining strength.

Later in the morning, handcuffed
to Detective Hackett, was allowed to
visit the remains of his brother, whose
funeral occurred this morning. He
said that the girl was the active
factor in the scrape. She also said
that Ryan is not yet quite 19. Last
evening the girl became calmer and
admitted that she was the instigator
of the fight. She said that she was
made yesterday relative to Mrs.
Ryan, whom she had never seen, were
the result of her state of mind. These
statements were not true. Mrs. Ryan
is a woman of kindly manner and is
sincerely sorry for the scrape in which
the young people are involved. The
families of the girl and the boy are
respectable, and the scandal is a great
shock to both families.

When the Norfolk police charged
Ryan with running away with the girl
the latter spoke right out:
"What's that?" He accused with
running off with me? He didn't run
away with me. He went because he
wanted him to."

MAYOR SURELY IS AFTER JOB AGAIN THIS IS WHERE MARCUS L. REY- NOLDS HAD A STREAK OF LUCK GOOD FOR EASY PLACE

Blitz Sees Writing on Wall In Ponderous Mechanism of Restored Board of Public Works Headed by the "Colonel," He Recognizes Be- heading Mechanism.

Now that it is settled that Mayor
Lee will not get the berth on the State
Anti-Tuberculosis commission that he
was a candidate for, it is a foregone
conclusion that he will once more be
a candidate for Mayoralty honors. One
of the most powerful chieftains in the
Republican party said this morning
that he could see no one else who was
likely to get the nomination this fall
except the present incumbent of the
office.

Sheriff Hawley will use his influence
in this city to secure the renomination
of the Mayor and this way lessen
the possibility of the Mayor being a
candidate against him at the next
convention at which a candi-
date for sheriff will be nominated.

Col. M. H. Rogers, Secretary of State,
is said to be responsible for the heal-
ing of the breach between the sheriff
and the Hill crowd, while the Mayor
or was a member in the last Senatorial
fight.

It is well known to members of the
Republican party that Mayor Lee
would not have appointed former May-
or Reynolds to the Board of Appraisal
if he had been appointed a State com-
missioner. Reynolds was a warlike man
and was in no hurry to do so until
he knew whether he was going to run
again.

Had the mayor landed the sought
for job former mayor John Wessels
would undoubtedly have received the
appointment Reynolds got.
Another political machine has been
built up in the city and the mayor
has built up the creation of his
Permanent Paving and Sewer
Commission. Col. M. H. Rogers, who
was Republican town chairman in the
last year, has been appointed to this
commission as the long term man.
The commission is to let all
contracts and decide the kind of ma-
terial to be used on the streets.

It is a certainty that an astute poli-
tician like the colonel will not lose any
influence by being on such a commis-
sion. It is again it is declared that
Mayor Lee wants to get rid of Direc-
tor Blitz who was an inheritance from
the Reynolds administration, and the
director feeling it in his bones that
he is going, has organized a strong
contracting concern of his own and is
prepared to take charge at anytime.

His office is located at 100 South
Main street. The colonel has been
re-elected of a Republican adminis-
tration that is friendly to him. But
with Col. Rogers on the commission
it is to be over his work it is un-
derstood that Mr. Blitz realizes that
he might as well step down to make
room for the man Col. Rogers has for
himself. The colonel has picked out a
secret but that he has such a man is
a certainty in the minds of the poli-
ticians.

It is understood that the mayor's
plea for re-election is to be based up-
on the ground that he has not had
a chance to lower his taxes and that
because his tax equalization plan of
raising the valuations on local real
estate has not been carried out to the
extent that he desires to have the
taxes lowered. The danger of the
Board of Apportionment of refusing
to give him money for block maps.

St. Joseph, Mo., July 8.—A list of
deaths at this city yesterday was
received here, and loss of telephone
and telegraph communication with
Pattonsburg make the situation con-
fronting the flood-stricken district
one of the most serious in the
history of the middle west. The
number of dead is estimated up to
twenty. The fate of a number of
persons carried away by the flood is
not known. Five men were swept
away with a railroad bridge near
Chillicothe last yesterday. Motor
boats went in pursuit of the wreck-
age to which the men were clinging.
Darkness came before the boats had
overaken the wreck. Four men are
believed to have been drowned. Reports
received this morning say the water
in many places is as high as last night
and the extent of the flood is increasing.

No word was received up to late
this forenoon from Pattonsburg but it
is known that two relief trains dis-
patched yesterday to succor the peo-
ple of the inundated town are hope-
lessly stalled in the flood. At dark
last night much of the rescue work
was abandoned. The dangers of the
flood were so great that rescues could
not be made.
Hundreds of people are in peril to-
day. At Pattonsburg the latest re-
port is that a two foot rise in the Grand
river flood had increased the peril of
the situation. The water is still rising
and it has been feared for those who
were driven to the roofs of their
houses.
Rain fell during most of the night.
The situation at Trenton to-day is re-
ported more serious than ever. Gallatin
is suffering and Gallatin Junction is
inundated.
The many friends and acquaintances
of Margaret, widow of Michael Dunn,
died at Trenton, Pa., last night, who
which took place this morning at her
home, 102 Cottage street, after but a
few days' illness. Death was due to
hardening of the arteries. The de-
ceased was well known and highly re-
spected in the South End where she
had resided with her family for a
number of years, being a devout com-
municant of the Sacred Heart church.
She is survived by two daughters,
Mary and Margaret, and two sons,
James, foreman of the box department
at the Warner Brothers Co., and Rich-
ard, salesman with the Foster, Besse
& Co.

MOTHER SHOT TO DEATH BY BURGLAR IN STRUGGLE TO SAVE HER SON'S LIFE

She Was Awakened by the Scuffle and Rushed Down Stairs, Screaming — Bur- glar Fired Point Blank at Woman Over Son's Should- er.

Bullet that Killed Mrs. George Staber, Wife of Wealthy New York Im- porter, Passed Through Her Son's Shirt and Burn- ing Powder Singed His Face—Police Arrest Man Who They Say Is the Murderer.

(Special from United Press.)
New York, July 8.—Struggling to
save her son's life, Mrs. Sophie Staber
wife of George Staber, a wealthy im-
porter, was shot to death by a burglar
early to-day in her home, No. 455 East
18th street in the fashionable Flatbush
section. The shot that killed his moth-
er passed through the shirt of George
Staber, and the burning powder singed
his face. Young Staber was awak-
ened by the rattling of a window as the
burglar climbed into the house. He
started down the stairs, calling to
stand at the point of a revolver. In-
stead he leaped for the burglar and
grappled with him. The son's awak-
ened Mrs. Staber who rushed down the
stairs screaming, "For God's sake
George take care of yourself."

The burglar wrestled himself free of
the young man and throwing his re-
volver over Staber's shoulder, fired
pointblank at the woman as she re-
ached a window in the rear of the house.
As the burglar ran he dropped his
revolver and the boy, securing it
emptied the five shots in a contest,
after the fleeing man. One of them
took effect for the man's trail through
the house was marked with blood.

Mrs. Staber died before a doctor
could be summoned.
The police have arrested a man in
Brooklyn who they are sure is the
murderer of Mrs. Staber. At 10:30
yesterday the police found an Italian
in an almost fainting condition at the
corner of Church and Utica avenues.
He had a bullet wound through his
left arm and the loss of blood had
weakened the man that he could not
even talk enough to give his name.
The man whom young Staber fired at
is supposed to have been struck in the
arms.

FOR SALE.—Up to date 13 room
family house, Norman St. near North
Ave., terms easy. Watson, 33 Fairfield
Ave.
FOR SALE.—2 family house, 11 rooms,
Winter St., improvements. Price
\$3,600. Watson, 33 Fairfield Ave.
FOR SALE.—At a bargain, on easy
terms, 2 cottages on Elias street at
\$1,200 each; one cottage on DeForest
street at \$1,800; one two family house
on Lee avenue, \$3,800. Enterprise
Realty Co., 1022 Main St., Room 20.
Open evenings.

WOMEN PETITION
FOR LICENSE VOTE
Senate Changes Name of
Roofree Club to "The
Park Club."

(By Our Staff Correspondent.)
Hartford, July 8.—The Senate to-day
voted to change the name of the Roof-
free club of Bridgeport to the Park
Club. The bill was introduced by
Senator Rogers and was passed by a
vote of 18 to 10. The bill was intro-
duced by women of Bridgeport asking
support for the bill which seeks to extend
the right of franchise to women on
license questions. The Bridgeport
women signing the petition were: Mrs.
O. Converse, Georgia N. Mal-
lock, Bertha Johnson, Evelyn A. Bul-
lock, Beatrice B. Leach, Lillian
O'Brien, Mrs. J. C. Grady, L. C. Bowe,
Way, Cora May Porter, Laura V.
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Sherman, Agnes L. Brown.

TO RENT.—4 and 5 room flats with
improvements, East End, \$10, \$11 and
\$12. Inquire at M. Wittstein's Jew-
elry Store, 1125 Main St.
FOR SALE.—Overland roadster, model
24, horsepower 20-22. Demonstration
given. 690 Central Ave.
BOAT WANTED.—A light row boat,
flat bottom, about 12 feet. Apply
Share & Trist Co., Congress Street
Bridge.
WANTED.—Sewing machine operators
for one hundred new machines which
will be ready Tuesday, July 6th.
Experienced girls will be given the
kind of corset work they are ac-
tomed to and learners will be taken.
Apply to The Warner Brothers Com-
pany.

TO RENT.—7 rooms, all improvements,
steam heat furnished, 690 Park ave-
nue, Tel. 291-4. U 25 fo
LOST.—Canten Flannel Bag, contain-
ing jewelry and money. The pieces
of jewelry were all gifts and prized
by the owner because of their as-
sociations. The finder may keep the
money and send the jewelry to The
Warner Brothers Co., and receive re-
ward. No questions asked. P 25 fo
FOR SALE.—Two pneumatic tire run-
ners or Stages in first class condi-
tion. Inquire at the Dorian-Frank
Co., No. 614 Pembroke St. D 23 tr fo
FOR SALE.—Hickory fire wood. Per
load dumped \$3.00; putting in bin \$5
additional. The Wheel & Wood Burn-
ing Co. Phone 1746. D 14 tr fo
CASCA-LAXINE TABLETS cure bil-
iousness and constipation. Follow the
direction. U 12 fo
WANTED.—Girls on all operations of
paper box making. Bright young
girls will be taught the work and
paid while learning. Apply to Pa-
per Box Department, The Warner Broth-
ers Company. P 3 d fo

Committee Raised
To Arrange Outing
Business Men Hope to Make
the Coming Event as En-
joyable as that of 1908.

At a meeting of the directors of the
Bridgeport Business Men's association
held yesterday afternoon the follow-
ing were named as a committee to
have full charge of the annual out-
ing which will be held this summer: R.
T. Whiting, chairman; Edward L.